

There are **FOUR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: **1)** Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot – Registration Ending Soon; **2)** Online Pilot and Field Test Opportunities Still Available; **3)** Spring 2014 MI-Access AMO Window Opening February; and, **4)** Dynamic Learning Maps is delaying the window for Field Test #1 by one week.

### 1) Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot – Registration Ending Soon

Schools are invited to register to participate in the Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot. Districts may have several schools participate but each school must register with a separate application. Interim assessments will be piloted in the content areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics for grades K, 1, and 2; and science and social studies for grades 3 through high school.

The ELA and mathematics interim assessments for grades K, 1, and 2 are aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The science and social studies interim assessments are aligned to Michigan’s current Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) and High School Content Expectations (HSCEs).

*Participation in this State of Michigan authorized pilot test opportunity counts toward satisfying district participation requirement #4 of the 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG).*

To participate in the Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot, please complete the registration survey at <http://tinyurl.com/s14-ia-pilot>.

Additional important information:

- The registration deadline is Friday, January 31, 2014.
- The test window is March 24, 2014 through May 23, 2014. Schools may administer the pilot assessments any time within this nine-week test window.
- As with all assessment pilots, test results will not be provided.

More information about the Michigan Interim Assessments may be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/interimassessments>.

### 2) Online Pilot and Field Test Opportunities Still Available

Schools that are looking for online pilot and/or field test opportunities that meet the participation requirements in the 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) may refer to the table below for the opportunities that are still open for registration. The focus of TRIG is to develop or improve a district’s technology infrastructure, including, but not limited to, hardware and software, in preparation for the planned implementation in 2014-2015 of online growth assessments. One of the requirements of TRIG is that districts participate in one or more of the authorized pilot and/or field tests. For more information about TRIG, visit the [TRIG website](#).

Additional incentives are also available for those interested in participating in the ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs Field Test opportunity.

Pilot/Field Test	Registration Status	Registration Information
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	Open	Closed	Deadline	Details
Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot (Fall 2013)		X		
Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot (Spring 2014)	X		January 31	Visit the <a href="#">Interim Assessments web page</a>
Smarter Balanced Field Test (Spring 2014)		X		
MI-Access FI Pilot (Spring 2014)	X		TBD	Email John Jaquith at <a href="mailto:jaquithj@michigan.gov">jaquithj@michigan.gov</a>
ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs Field Test (Winter/Spring 2014)	X		TBD	Email Jennifer Paul at <a href="mailto:paulj@michigan.gov">paulj@michigan.gov</a>
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Field Test (Winter/Spring 2014)	X		TBD	Email Joanne Winkelman at <a href="mailto:winkelmanj@michigan.gov">winkelmanj@michigan.gov</a>
ATEA Field Test (Winter/Spring 2014)		X		

### 3) Spring 2014 MI-Access AMO Window Opening February 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Spring 2014 MI-Access (Grade 11) additional materials order (AMO) window opens on **Monday, February 3, 2014** and will remain open through **Friday, March 14, 2014** for secure testing materials.

Ancillary materials (Class/Group ID sheets, FedEx return shipping labels, School/Answer Document Header Sheets, etc.) can be ordered through Wednesday, April 16, 2014. It is very important to inventory your initial materials and/or track your existing order before an additional order is placed.

Note the following when ordering additional materials:

- If you placed an initial material order you should receive the materials on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Your order tracking information number was provided to you via an email notification from UPS on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- If you did NOT enter an initial material order by the deadline, a quantity of ancillary materials will be calculated and included when you place your order during the AMO window.
- If you placed an initial material order before the January 14 deadline, you will be sent exactly what you order during the AMO window. No ancillary materials will be calculated and added to your order.
- Return kits will arrive in a separate shipment from other test materials
- If you are ordering accommodated versions, you do not need to order standard-print booklets or answer documents. Standard-print booklets and answer documents are automatically included in the accommodated kits.
- Only a district level user can place an additional material order.

Be sure to track your orders using the “Material Order Report” screen on the BAA Secure Site or call 877-560-8378, option 2 rather than placing a duplicate order.

### 4) Dynamic Learning Maps is Delaying the Window for Field Test #1 by One Week

The length of the testing window will remain the same, but the new window dates will be moved to

**Monday, February 17 through Friday, February 28.** To meet the needs of participating districts, DLM has extended the Help Desk hours beginning February 3 to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central Time. Those extended hours will continue through February 28.

To provide additional information, we have provided a direct link to the [DLM Field Test Delay Memo](#) and [DLM Field Testing - Pre-Test Help Sheet](#).

#### **Have Other Questions?**

For assessment questions, please email [BAA@michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@michigan.gov).

For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.